

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mark S. Ortiz et al. : Paper No:  
Serial No. 10/675,497 : Group Art Unit: 3731  
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For: SINGLE LUMEN ANASTOMOSIS APPLIER FOR SELF-DEPLOYING  
FASTENER

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated December 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.